

**Central Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2022**

**Gathering**

*God reaches out to us and calls us together to worship. Together, we respond to God's invitation to worship and relationship with praise and song. We also respond with a prayer of humility, mindful of our human sins. Thankfully, God forgives us. In response to God's forgiveness, we forgive and share peace with one another.*

Welcome

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. Ham

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*Gathering Prayer

*Wong*

Leader: Stretch out your hand, O God, and write in the sands of our hearts so that we might not condemn, but love. You come among us and share our life.

**People: And you welcome us among you, God of the heavens, God Incarnate, and Spirit of Pentecost, to share forever in yours.**

\*Hymn #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer of Humility

*Wong*

**Lord God, this day we unite in repentance from sin; we unite in forgiveness of others and ourselves. Repentance and forgiveness are remedies for bitterness and regret. Empower us to help one another carry the burdens of our times, so that we might not buckle under the weight of it, but learn to enjoy the lighter load of a shared life to which you call us. Amen.**

Assuring Forgiveness

*1 Corinthians 5.17*

Leader: If you are in Christ, you are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away; now everything is made new!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Congregational Response

"Gloria Patri"

\*Sharing Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: God makes us new! Let us renew our relationships!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the forgiveness, love, and peace received from God with others around you by saying, "Peace be with you."*

**Listening**

*God attends to our joys and concerns while we share what's on our hearts and minds in the Prayers of the People. We respond by listening to God's Word in scripture and sermon.*

*We continue to praise God in song.*

Youth Chat

Attending Prayer

Sharing Our Congregation Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Scripture John 9.1-12

Choir Anthem "Love Grows Here" Besig

Scripture John 9.13-34

Message "Healing and Conflict"

\*Hymn #391 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

### **Responding**

*We respond to the love, forgiveness, and guidance we receive in worship by serving God and one another through the ministries of the congregation. We offer our resources and our lives to God's work.*

Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering Invitation

*Stewardship (adapted from the Westminster Larger Catechism, 7.251)*

The eighth commandment says simply, "Do not steal." But that statement is so much more than a prohibition. It is an invitation: to be truthful in our dealings with others, to be faithful stewards of our resources, and to practice justice in all that we do. As a sign of our commitment to God and God's reign on earth, let us receive our tithes and offerings.

Offertory "My Jesus Leadeth Me" Brahms

\*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Stewardship (adapted from Second Helvetic Confession, 5.118)*

Generous God, you create and redeem us not to be idle, but to do those things that are good and useful in your name. Accept these gifts, given in love for you. As a hearty tree bears fruit in abundance, we pray that this offering would bring its own harvest, so that the world might be fed, clothed, and cared for, even as you feed, clothe and care for us. Amen.

\*Hymn (projected) "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude "In Thee is Gladness" Bach

Worship team today: Rev. Dr. Jules Joy, Rich Wilder, Leigh Conti, Julie Hamilton, Craig Aguon, Holly Beltz, Logan Rankl, Will Beltz.

Flowers this morning are given by Tom Madafer in memory of Dot Homman

Rev. Jules will be on vacation from the 24<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

